

MILPERSMAN 1220-020

NAVAL AIRCREWMAN DESIGNATION

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References	BUPERSINST 1326.4D OPNAVINST 3710.7S NAVPERS 18068F, Manual of Navy Enlisted Manpower and Personnel Classifications and Occupations Standards NAVPERS 15665I, U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations 37 U.S.C.
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1. **Qualifications**. Qualifications for naval aircrewman (NAC) designation are as follows:

- a. Be qualified as a crewmember per BUPERSINST 1326.4D.
- b. Maintain a consistent record of above average performance per MILPERSMAN 1220-010.
- c. Successfully complete a Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) approved aircrew training syllabus including prerequisite pipeline courses that award a distribution Navy Enlisted Classification (NEC) of 78XX, 82XX, 8401, or 94XX.
- d. Successfully complete positional qualification requirements for the respective aircraft within 18 months of reporting to the permanent duty station per OPNAVINST 3710.7S.
- e. Be assigned in a DIFCREW status with a distribution NEC of 78XX, 82XX (except 8201 NAC candidate), 8401, or 94XX, qualified and recommended for a crewmember NEC of 78XX, 82XX, 8401, or 94XX.
- f. Be detailed into a valid aircrew billet requiring frequent and regular flying duty, defined by billet special category (for all NEC 82xx, 78xx, and 94xx billets) or by billet NEC (for NEC 8295, 8296, and 8401 billets). Members of non-

aviation commands must still participate in frequent and regular flying in order to qualify for NAC designation.

2. Procedures for NAC Designation

a. Commanding Officers (COs) shall certify in writing the member's qualifications in aircraft positions per this manual and OPNAVINST 3710.7S.

b. Commands shall ensure the recording of the proper NEC. If it is not reflected on the Enlisted Distribution and Verification Report (EDVR), certification of the NEC shall be submitted via NAVPERS 1221/1 (Rev. 06-92), Navy Enlisted Classification (NEC) Change Recommendation as an enclosure to designation letter.

c. COs of aviation units may award NAC designations after ensuring that criteria within this article, BUPERSINST 1326.4D, and OPNAVINST 3710.7S have been met. This authority may not be delegated "by direction." An aircrew designation letter should be prepared per BUPERSINST 1326.4D and presented to the member when the Aircrew Breast Insignia is awarded.

d. Members of non-aviation commands who meet the requirements for naval aircrew designation will receive designation letters signed by the CO of the aviation command conducting the initial Naval Air Training and Operating Procedures Standardization (NATOPS) qualification. The CO of the non-aviation command should present the aircrew designation letter and Aircrew Breast Insignia to the member.

e. A copy of the local aircrew designation letter and NAVPERS 1221/1 shall be forwarded to Navy Personnel Command (NAVPERSCOM), Aviation Assignment Branch (PERS-404E) (USN)/Naval Reserve Personnel Center (NRPC) (N4) (USNR/TAR) for review of requirement completion and for a record-entry certificate of designation as a NAC. Designations awarded in error will be revoked by NAVPERSCOM (PERS-404E) or NRPC (N4). Commands receiving notification of NAVPERSCOM revocation shall inform members of their lack of naval aircrew designation status and shall remove the member's authorization to wear the NAC Breast Insignia.

f. Upon receipt and approval of an aircrew designation request, NAVPERSCOM (PERS-404E) shall issue a certificate of designation for initial qualification only.

g. Only active aircrew, on and after 1 July 1997, are eligible for certificates of designation. They may not be awarded retroactively.

3. **Revocation of NAC Designation.** COs shall revoke the naval aircrew designation from any aircrew who is permanently removed from flying status per BUPERSINST 1326.4D; however, members who are permanently disqualified from flying due solely to medical reasons will lose their NAC designation but retain the eligibility to wear the NAC Breast Insignia. Any aircrew who are temporarily removed from flying status will also lose their NAC designation but retain the eligibility to wear the NAC Breast Insignia. All aircrew losing their NAC designation or eligibility to wear the NAC Breast Insignia shall be counseled by their CO regarding their specific aircrew status.

4. **Reinstatement of Aircrewman Designation.** If a previously-designated aircrewman is reinstated to duties involving flying per BUPERSINST 1326.4D, the member may apply for reinstatement of naval aircrew designation and eligibility to wear the Naval Aircrew Breast Insignia. Command-endorsed requests for reinstatement of the NAC designation or right to wear the NAC Breast Insignia shall be forwarded to NAVPERSCOM (PERS-404E) (USN) or NRPC (N4) (USNR/TAR) for approval. Members may not wear the Insignia until NAVPERSCOM approval is received.

5. **Administrative Procedures**

a. Whenever a member qualifies as a NAC, an entry shall be made on the NAVPERS 1070/613 (Rev. 10-81), Administrative Remarks of the service record, indicating the date of qualification, type of aircraft in which qualification was received, the authorization from Chief of Naval Personnel (CHNAVPERS) for awarding the NAC designation, and the authorization to wear the Aircrew Breast Insignia. The NAC designator shall be affixed to the member's rate in the following manner: AMCS(NAC), etc. A personnel diary transaction shall be submitted reporting the change of enlisted designator to NAC (Code 6).

b. Whenever a member is disqualified from aircrew duty, an entry shall be made on NAVPERS 1070/613 showing the reason for disqualification and rescinding of authorization to wear the Aircrew Breast Insignia (except in the case of physical disqualification). The NAC designator shall be canceled and a

personal diary entry to that effect shall be made as follows:
"CH designator to NONE."

c. The assignment or removal of Aircrew NECs shall be per NAVPERS 18068F and BUPERSINST 1326.4D.

d. Proper entry of qualification or disqualification shall be made on special duty abstracts of the health record at the time of original physical examination and annual reexaminations thereafter. COs shall be informed of the results of all physical examinations.

e. In all reports, records, or other correspondence concerning active NAC, the NAC designator and appropriate distribution classification (DNEC) shall be included after the rating abbreviation. For example: AMCS (NAC) (8211/8215) or AWCS (NAC) (7836). Correspondence concerning inactive aircrewmen does not require this identification.

6. **Service Record Entries.** The following service record entries are used in conjunction with various requirements of the NAC Program:

a. "[DATE]: I, [Member's Name], volunteer for duty involving flying and understand that I must maintain those qualifications specified by Chief of Naval Operations and Chief of Naval Personnel during the periods I am actively assigned to such duties. This agreement shall remain valid until such time as it is rescinded by me or that I am no longer qualified for such duties."

[Member's Signature]

Witnessed:

b. "[DATE]: I, [Member's Name] have been suspended from duty involving flying as a crewmember effective [DATE].
Authority: [fill-in]."

c. "[DATE]: [Member's Name] has been suspended from duty involving flying as a crewmember effective [date]. Revocation procedures initiated per BUPERSINST 1326.4D."

d. "[DATE]: [Member's Name] removed from duty involving flying as a crewmember effective [date].
Authority: [fill-in]."

e. "[DATE]: I, [Member's Name] no longer volunteer for duty involving flying. I fully understand that I shall not be eligible for requalification in the aircrew program on this or subsequent enlistments, and as a result of this disqualification, I shall be subject to reassignment."

[Members Signature]

Witnessed:

f. "[DATE]: [Member's Name] is disqualified from duties involving flying by reason of [medical, nonvolunteer, performance, cause--specify].

Authority: [fill-in]."

[Signature of Commanding Officer]

[May not be signed by direction.]

g. "[DATE]: [Member's Name], having been disqualified from duty involving flying, has been advised of MILPERSMAN 1220-020, naval aircrewman (NAC) designator is hereby canceled, authorization to wear the Naval Aircrew Breast Insignia has been rescinded [except for disqualification due to medical reasons], aircrew NECs have been recommended for removal, rating conversion procedures initiated per MILPERSMAN 1220-020 [for AW personnel only], and shall be subject to reassignment due to such disqualification."

[May be signed by direction]

[NOTE: Adjustments to the above entry should be made according to the type disqualification].

h. "[DATE]: Under BUPERSINST 1326.4D you are herewith provided advance notification of flight pay termination on or about [date] as a result of [Reason, i.e., PCS transfer, billet deletion, etc.]."

[Authenticity Officer]

i. "[DATE]: I, [Member's Name], have been advised this date of my flight pay termination effective [date] as a result of [reason]. This notification was provided per BUPERSINST 1326.4D."

[Member's Signature]

7. **Service Record Entries for Reenlistment**. The following entries shall be carried forward on reenlistment of NAC as appropriate:

a. "[DATE]: [Member's Name] volunteered for duty involving flying."

b. "[DATE]: Awarded designation as a naval aircrewman. Authority [fill-in]."

c. "[DATE]: [Member's Name] was disqualified from duty involving flying as a result of [reason]."

d. "[DATE]: [Member's Name] has accumulated the following hours of training and operational flying:

(1) Total from previous enlistments [fill-in].

(2) Total on first past enlistment [fill-in].

(3) Total to date [fill-in]."

8. **Service Record Entry After Ground or Flight Training.** Upon successful completion of a ground or flight training course or syllabus, a service record entry shall be made indicating the following:

a. Date of completion of course.

b. Title and or identification number of course or syllabus.

c. Type of equipment or aircraft (include flight hours).

9. **NAC Insignia**

a. The NAC Insignia consists of a Breast Insignia as prescribed by NAVPERS 15665I.

b. Designation as a NAC by NAVPERSCOM per this article carries authorization to wear the Aircrew Breast Insignia.

c. The right to wear the Aircrew Breast Insignia shall be rescinded only when a member is disqualified for NAC duty for reasons other than physical disqualification and the aircrew designator is removed. Physical disqualification does not revoke the right to wear the Aircrew Breast Insignia.

d. Authority granted under previous directives to wear the Combat Aircrew Insignia with battle stars remains in effect throughout a member's naval career.